

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on March 24, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Michael More (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 8, SB 9, SB 482

Executive Action: SB 148

00:00:01 Call to order

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 148

00:01:44 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 148 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:01:57 Rep. Hands arrived.

00:02:00 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division

00:02:36 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 148 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT(loh65a01)**

Discussion:

00:03:18 Mr. Kolman

00:04:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Grinde and Rep. Menahan voted by proxy.

00:04:29 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **SB 148 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT(loh65a02)**

Discussion:

00:05:40 Rep. Reinhart

00:06:20 Rep. Stahl

00:07:24 Rep. Driscoll

00:07:57 Rep. Ingraham

00:08:13 Mr. Kolman

00:08:35 Rep. Reichner

00:08:46 Rep. Driscoll

00:09:01 Rep. Ingraham

00:09:13 Rep. Sands

00:09:48 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

00:09:49 Rep. Stahl left.

00:13:07 Rep. MacLaren

00:13:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Berry, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Reichner, and Rep. Stahl voting aye. Rep. Stahl, Rep. Menahan and Rep. Grinde voted by proxy.

00:15:20 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **SB 148 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT(loh65a03)**

Discussion:

00:17:04 Mr. Kolman
00:17:32 Rep. Hands
00:18:00 Rep. More
00:18:07 Mr. Kolman
00:18:29 Rep. Hands
00:18:49 Mr. Kolman
00:18:59 Rep. Hands
00:19:04 Rep. Stahl returned.
00:19:05 Mr. Kolman
00:19:25 Rep. Hands
00:19:46 Rep. More
00:20:04 Mr. Kolman
00:21:01 Rep. Hands
00:21:17 Mr. Kolman
00:21:34 Rep. Hands
00:22:16 Rep. Stahl
00:23:02 Mr. Kolman

00:23:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Grinde and Rep. Menahan voted by proxy.

00:24:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 148 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Menahan and Rep. Grinde voted by proxy. Rep. Ingraham will carry the bill.

00:24:55 Rep. Ingraham

Presentation on SB 306

00:25:22 Sen. John Esp, SD 31, Big Timber, Montana
EXHIBIT(1oh65a04)
00:28:24 Rep. Stahl and Rep. Ebinger left.
00:29:19 Myra Shults, Montana Association of Counties

HEARING ON SB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:22 Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 8, Authorize regional water entities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:37 John Bohlinger, Lieutenant Governor of Montana
EXHIBIT(1oh65a05)

00:44:04 Rep. Wendy Warburton, HD 34, Havre, Montana
00:46:23 Paul Azevedo, Water Resources Planner, Department of
Natural Resources
00:47:54 Michael DesRosier, Glacier County Commissioner
00:49:03 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
00:49:51 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation
Districts
00:50:44 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns, City of
Glasgow, City of Malta, City of Havre, City of Chinook
00:52:23 Larry Mires, St. Mary's Rehabilitation and Working
Group

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:58 Rep. Ingraham
00:55:10 Rep. Stahl
00:59:37 Rep. Reinhart
00:59:51 Rep. Stahl
01:00:35 Rep. Grinde arrived.
01:04:33 Rep. Reinhart
01:04:45 Rep. Stahl
01:05:21 Rep. Reinhart
01:05:32 Mr. Mires

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:00 Rep. Stahl

HEARING ON SB 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:08:52 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on
SB 9, Authorize funding of transportation systems with
revenue bonds.

Proponents Testimony:

01:13:34 Chuck McMillan, Helena, Montana
01:22:37 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
EXHIBIT(1oh65a06)
01:23:47 Michael Ackley, Missoula, Montana
EXHIBIT(1oh65a07)
01:24:56 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

01:26:02 Linda Stoll, Missoula County, Montana Association of
Planners

01:26:51 Sheryl Ackley, Missoula, Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:28:11 Rep. Reichner

01:29:03 Sen. Erickson

01:34:29 Rep. Hands

01:35:10 Mr. MacDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:03 Sen. Erickson

01:37:14 Rep. Menahan arrived.

HEARING ON SB 482

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:38:01 Sen. Dan McGee (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on
SB 482, Generally revise subdivision and platting act.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:44:04 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors, Montana
Association of Registered Land Surveyors

Opponents' Testimony:

01:46:56 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

01:52:08 Linda Stoll, Missoula County, Montana Association of
Planners

01:54:24 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:55:44 Rep. Reinhart

01:56:29 Sen. McGee

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:40 Sen. McGee

ADJOURNMENT

01:59:00 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT(loh65a08) Letter and information from Ed Bartlett
representing Yellowstone County in regard to SB 148.

EXHIBIT(loh65a09) Housing Development Definition from Rep. Hands.

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh65aad.pdf](#))